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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 19, 1999, entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due December 19, 1999. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office Action for one month, until January 19, 2000. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 are pending in the above-identified application and are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Office Action mailed November 19, 1999 makes a restriction requirement according to the following groupings,